12/13/71

Dear Larry,

Sorry I couldn't get around to writing sooner. I h ven't yet finished typing the notes of the three-week trip, which now seems likely to have been the most productive in the long run, at least in terms of new contacts and new sources opened.

When we spoke by phone , ou asked for the reports I had on the Chicago threats vs. JFK. Enclosed are two pages each from CDs 47 and 149, compiled, respectively, by FBI agents Pedrotty and Shanahan. CD 47 has a table of contents. It indicates the only report on that subject is thepage numbered 45. I will ask a friend if he has anything else. Page 2 of CD 149 would seem to relate to the first item in the summary. It has not been declassified, to the best of my knowledge.

I seem to remember more along the Dominican line that I didn't copy. It could have been in a different CD. If so, I'll let you know when I learn.

When you are here again, you may want to go over my Bolden file, which is fairly large yet not all-inclusive (and I think you'll see the parallels to this Lowbsack report) and the Commission's list of numbered files, which will disclose all of Chicago origin.

Thanks for the clips and the Hunt stuff. I saw him the afternoon of 12/3. He offered me a job! And loaded me with his propaganda, including all his "books" and what he described to his temporary secretary as the "more high-powered stuff". The Kissinger thing is being revised so the reader will not have to compute what HLH thinks is important, his age when he entered the U.S. (15). He has revised it once since the slip you sent. I have the newer one. He saw me immediately, without appointment, and I left without hint from him. He is getting senile and is the captive of avaricious sons. They let him play with the cosmetics company now, nothing else.

Right-wing stuff: no price set. Whatever can be had. Nothing new from Saga. They won't be interested unless something similar they are working on doesn't pan out.

We won the Birmingham thing. Jim met me at the airport Tuesday to debrief me, as I'd asked, for I was afraid I might forget something. He then told me that the government had not opposed and we won by default. I wish Bud had gone for this when I first proposed it, in April, when I learned the charge was active from, of all people, Arthur Hanes. Bud had everything ready and I got Ray's ok 11/16 and phoned it to Bud. I have only the final order. I've asked them to send you the rest.

Nixon-Chicago and the Agnew stuff: There seems to be a kind of correlation between these numerous trip and charges of crookedness against Democrats. I stopped counting the number of times Agnew went to ew Orleans at 7. That is more than a longing to sip Metaxas with an old Greek friend would prompt. And his speeches are all as you describe from there.

Destruction of film Demo. convention: My source was a Chicago man not now there. I have no independent knowledge. Agreed most stations process their own, but I wonder if they have the capacity for all they shot. Perhaps people at some of the stations can tell you.

My New Orleans sources (outside Garrison's office) indicated to me before the federal indictment was handed down that one of the reasons for the delay was the decision whether or not to include the former U.A.Attorney there (Democrat) Louis LeCouer. They had expected a total of four charges, one including doing at the last session of the State legislature. The State case, inspired by Garrison and assigned by the judge who resigned at the end of Garrison's first term to run against him to the most left-wing lawyer in the State, is wild. In court the chief of Shaw's counsel acted for all the defendants, including Garrison, in that case! What happened is insane, but I've no time for it now. The special prosecutor is quite competent, dedicated to the law and entirely incorruptible. The first two things he did have thus far failed: he added a malfeasance charge and asked for a special grand jury. Hartlin

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Dear Harold,

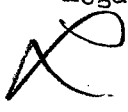
I think the radio thing you mentioned is the Mensik case. It sounds sort of like it. He is tied in with the whole Democratic machine and graft situation out here. The feds have two or three grand juries going now. The talk is they want to indict former Gov. Kerner and a lot of Demo judges and other party faithfuls just in time for next year's election. Nixon has said that Illinois will be one of a handful of states that decides the presidency.

Note in clipping headed: Mensik testimony hearing set--that friend Jenner appears. Also be aware that the wildest charges are being made by Valentine Janicki who has a bad track record as far as accuracy and is also out $135,000 in the Mensik case.

If Saga might be interested in R&TV, I would be willing to do the piece. Speaking of that sort of thing, what sort of price if any have you set on the right-wing stuff you showed me--handbook and letters?

The story Bud and Jim are giving me concerns the federal current still out standing for Eric Starvo etc.

Nixon has nine (count 'em) visits scheduled in Chicago in the next few months. Agnew was here last night (Wednesday) and gave an unbelievably racist little talk.

I'm still a little [redacted] unclear on the Red Squad--Convention caper. I thought most of the stations processed their own film. I know the red squad was involved in a good many provocation incidents. Allegedly one of them was the guy who pulled the flag down at the Grant Park band shell and touched off the major incident.

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